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- 21. The method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction according to claim 15, further comprising a step for adding cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase to digest free cholesterol.
- 22. The method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction according to claim 16, further comprising a step for adding cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase to digest free cholesterol.
- 23. The method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction according to claim 17, further comprising a step for adding cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase to digest free cholesterol.
- 24. The method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction according to claim 18, further comprising a step for adding cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase to digest free cholesterol.
- 25. The method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction according to claim 19, further comprising a step for adding cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase to digest free cholesterol.
- 26. The method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction according to claim 1, wherein pH of the reaction solution is selected from within a range where the lipoprotein does not form aggregates nor make turbidity of the reaction solution and in view of an optimum pH of an enzyme used in the enzymatic reaction of the component in the lipoprotein. --

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REMARKS

No questions of new matter are raised by the above amendment. Entry of the above amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction in a serum by an enzymatic reaction, which comprises introducing a controlling means which is established by selecting the enzymatic [raction] reaction, for enabling an enzymatic reaction preferentially with respect to an object component in the specific lipoprotein fraction without forming complexes nor aggregates, thereby specifically assaying the component.